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DEPT PLEASE PASS ALL IEA CAPITALS EXCEPT TOKYO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, OECD, JA
SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION REGARDING A NEW IEA CHAIRMAN

1. SUMMARY. FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW U.S. POSITION ON POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF IEA VICE CHAIRMAN TOWE OF CANADA FOR CHAIRMAN TO SUCCEED DAVIGNON. END SUMMARY.
2. HARUNORI KAYA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU, FOREIGN OFFICE, HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR U.S. POSITION WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE CANDIDACY OF IEA CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE TOWE (CURRENTLY VICE CHARIMAN) FOR CHAIRMAN OF IEA TO REPLACE DAVIGNON. HE SAID CANADIAN EMBASSY IN TOKYO HAD PHONED TO INQUIRE AS TO JAPANESE POSITION ON TOWE'S CANDIDACY, AND ADDED THAT CANADA IS SOUNDING OUT ALL MAJOR IEA MEMBER COUNTRIES. CANADIANS TOLD KAYA THAT DAVIGNON WOULD BE LEAVING IEA "FAIRLY SOON" FOR A POST IN THE EC.
3. KAYA SAID HE HAS KNOWN TOWE FOR MANY YEARS, AND PERSONALLY WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF HIS CANDIDACY. ADDITIONALLY, SINCE TOWE IS NOW VICE CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD SEEM REASONABLE FOR HIM TO SUCCEED TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP. KAYA IS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED, HOWEVER, ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF A CANADIAN BEING CHAIRMAN, GIVEN CANADA'S POSITION ON SUPPLY ACCESS.

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4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE DEPARTMENT

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW WE SHOULD REPLY
TO KAYA'S REQUEST.
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